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(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia –400 People Charged in Massive Health Fraud and Opioid Scams

(U) Washington— A nationwide law enforcement push aimed at the opioid crisis netted more than 400 arrests nationwide—including 17 in the Los Angeles area—according to top federal officials yesterday. Most of the fraud cases—totaling more than \$1.3 billion—involved false billings of Medicare for pills and services that were never provided. Officials stated there were a record number of arrests, including those alleged to have improperly prescribed opioids.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Hundreds of Students Evacuated After Schools Get Email Bomb Threats

(U) Boston – Police responded to two Boston-area school systems—nine total schools—yesterday morning after the schools received email bomb threats. Hundreds of students were attending summer programs at the time, and were evacuated in an abundance of caution. A different area-school received an email threat on 10 July. Nothing was found in any of the buildings following searches and sweeps, according to police.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [WCVB News](#)

(U) New York – Verizon Security Breach: Data of Six Million Users Previously Vulnerable

(U) New York – Verizon was made aware of a data breach in late June in which the names, addresses, and personal identification numbers (PINs) from six million Verizon users were at risk of being leaked, according to a security researcher with UpGuard. Verizon faulted a third-party vendor who improperly configured security settings on a server, leaving the data unsecured. Verizon corrected the problem and stated there was no loss or theft of data.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [Fox Business News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Egypt – Two Ukrainian Tourists Killed in Egypt Resort Knife Attack

(U) Hurghada – Two Ukrainian tourists were killed and four other tourists were wounded today by an attacker with a knife at an Egyptian holiday resort in Hurghada. The motive for the attack is still under investigation, according to Egypt's Interior Ministry and security sources. The ministry said a preliminary investigation showed the man appeared to have swam from a nearby public beach to access the holiday resort.

SOURCE: 14 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Israel – Two Israeli Police Officers Killed in Attack near Holy Site in Jerusalem

(U) Jerusalem – The two officers were killed and a third wounded in an attack yesterday by three men from northern Israel—aged between 19 and 29—that took place close to the compound known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as Haram al-Sharif (Noble Sanctuary), according to police. The religious/politically sensitive compound was temporarily closed for the investigation and religious services cancelled for the day—a rarity for the site.

SOURCE: 14 July 2017, [Haaretz](#)

(U) Kenya – Three People Killed as Kenyan Official Seized by Extremists

(U) Nairobi – The terrorist group al-Shabaab attacked the convoy carrying a top Kenyan official yesterday, killing two police officers and a civilian, and injuring the public official, according to Kenyan police. The al-Shabaab militants briefly held the official hostage until the Kenyan military rescued her. This was the highest profile abduction in Kenya to-date, raising security concerns ahead of next month's presidential election.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mexico – Mexico Ties for Most Deadly Country in the World for Journalists

(U) Mexico now ranks alongside Iraq as the deadliest country in the world for journalists in 2017—at least four journalists have been killed in Mexico this year. It has even surpassed Syria, according to the US-based non-profit Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ). More than 40 journalists have been killed for their work in Mexico since 1992, according to a CPJ estimate, with approximately 90 percent of the murders going unsolved or not thoroughly prosecuted.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) Mexico – Gun Attack on Children's Party Kills 11

(U) Tizayuca – Masked men burst into a children's birthday party in the Mexican city of Tizayuca in central state of Hidalgo, killing 11 people. Three children were found alive at the scene, but all the adults—11 in total—were found shot dead. Mexico has recently seen a surge in violence linked to disputes between drug cartels. In May, 2,186 killings were recorded—approximately 70 a day. A recent trend has seen hit men murdering whole families, including children.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [BBC](#)

(U) Somalia – US, Somali Forces Raid al-Shabaab, Kill Several Extremist Fighters

(U) Hargeisa – US and Somali forces engaged and killed several al-Shabaab fighters early yesterday, resulting from stepped-up efforts to combat the terrorist group, according to a senior Somali intelligence official. Al-Shabaab last year became Africa's deadliest Islamic extremist group, with more than 4,200 people killed in 2016, according to the Pentagon-supported Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Al-Shabaab has also vowed to step-up attacks against the recently elected Somali Government.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Syria – ISIS Magazine Names June Attackers in Paris, Brussels

(U) ISIS' monthly online magazine Rumiya, issued yesterday, named Abu Maysun al-Faransi as the man

who rammed a car carrying weapons and explosives into a police van as it drove in a convoy down Paris's Champs Elysees on 19 June. The terrorist magazine also named Usamah Zaryuh as the man who set off a small explosion at Brussels' central train station on 21 June, according to reporting. Both men were shot and killed by security forces, and there were no casualties in either attack.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Turkey – Turkey Detains Three People for Links to al-Qa'ida

(U) Tekirdag – Following a law enforcement operation, Turkish security forces detained three suspects today in the northwestern Tekirdag province for alleged links to al-Qa'ida, according to a security source. The operation was conducted by gendarmerie command teams in the Cerkezkoy district, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to restrictions on talking to the media.

SOURCE: 14 July 2017, [Anadolu Agency](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Report: Britons Give Thousands of Pounds a Year to Extremist Groups

(U) London – People in the UK are giving—sometimes unwittingly—donations to Islamist extremist groups, according to a UK Government report. Some extremists portray themselves as legitimate charities to increase their credibility, and to take advantage of Islam's emphasis on charity, according to a top UK official. The official went on to say the report gives the best picture ever of how extremists operating in the UK sustain their activities.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [Independent](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – 33 Illegal Immigrants Rescued from Trailer at Border Patrol Checkpoint

(U) Laredo – US Border Patrol agents rescued 33 illegal immigrants from a tractor trailer at a Laredo, Texas border patrol checkpoint on Interstate Highway 35 on 8 July, according to a Border Patrol press release. The driver of the vehicle was questioned regarding immigration status, then Border Patrol agents referred the truck to a secondary inspection, where the 33 individuals were discovered and released from the locked trailer. The driver—a US citizen—was subsequently arrested.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [KRISTV News](#)

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